

Title 16. California Code of Regulations
Division 14. Board of Registered Nursing
Article 9. Public Health Nurse

1491. Qualifications and Requirements

An applicant for a Public Health Nurse Certificate shall have a license, in active status, to practice as a registered nurse in California and shall have met the education and training clinical experience requirements as follows:

(1) Possession of a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nursing school accredited by a Board-approved accrediting body, such as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, or any other accrediting body approved by the Board. This baccalaureate program must have included coursework in public health nursing, including a supervised clinical experience in public health settings; or

(2) Possession of a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nursing school which is not accredited by ~~the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, or any other accrediting body approved by the Board~~ a Board-approved accrediting body, such as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, but the Board determines has determined that the nursing school's public health nursing coursework and the supervised clinical experience is are equivalent to that of a nursing school accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, or any other accrediting body approved by the Board Board-approved accrediting body; or

(3) Possession of a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing and completion of a ~~Board-approved~~ specialized public health nursing program that includes a supervised clinical experience at associated with a baccalaureate school of nursing accredited by a Board-approved accrediting body, such as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, or any other accrediting body approved by the Board.

(4) Theoretical content for a Public Health Nurse certificate shall include, but is not limited to the following areas:

- (A) Physical assessment: child and adult
- (B) Surveillance and epidemiology: chronic and communicable diseases
- (C) Health promotion and disease prevention
- (D) Multicultural nursing concepts
- (E) Research methodology and statistics
- (F) Health teaching concepts and strategies
- (G) Population based practice: assessment and development of community collaboration at the level of systems, community and family/individual.
- (H) Assessment of health needs of individuals and families, to include environment, and interventions across the lifespan
- (I) Legal and health care financing issues
- (J) Family violence, e.g., child, domestic, elder abuse, etc., prevention, detection, intervention, treatment, and California reporting requirements
- (K) Case management/care coordination
- (L) Emergency preparedness and response

(5) A faculty member of the nursing program shall be responsible for coordinating students' clinical experience and supervision.

(6) Supervised clinical experience shall be:

(A) In public health settings with individuals, families, and community;

(B) Concurrent with or following acquisition of theoretical knowledge prescribed by the curriculum;

(C) A minimum of 90 hours.

~~(7)~~ (4) Training in the prevention, early detection, intervention, California reporting requirements, and treatment of child neglect and abuse that shall be at least seven (7) hours in length and shall be acquired through:

(A) A baccalaureate nursing program or a specialized public health nursing program in nursing; or

(B) A course of instruction in the prevention, early detection, intervention, California reporting requirements, and treatment of child neglect and abuse that is offered by a continuing education provider approved by the Board.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2715, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2817 and 2818, Business and Professions Code.